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Rapeseed forecasts for 2005

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Report Highlights:

Forecasts for rapeseed production for 2005 are mostly positive. Most analysts predict an increase in the acreage planted with rapeseed in the EU next year. Predictions for the harvest differ quite a lot.

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This is a report on different organizations' forecasts for the 2005 oilseed production.

In the forecast from **Coceral** predictions are that the production of rapeseed for EU25 will decrease in 2005 compared to the record harvest in 2004. However predictions are that the area used for rapeseed will increase from 4,455 thousand hectares in 2004 to 4,606 thousand hectares in 2005. Hence the yields per hectare are anticipated to decrease.

EU Rapeseed forecast for 2005

| | EU15 | | EU10 | | EU25 | |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| Area (000' ha) | 3,301 | 3,378 | 1,154 | 1,228 | 4,455 | 4,606 |
| Yield (100kg/ha) | 35.7 | 32.2 | 29.6 | 22.9 | 34.1 | 29.7 |
| Production (000'tons) | 11,772 | 10,864 | 3,420 | 2,812 | 15,192 | 13,677 |

Source: Coceral

The Magazine **Oil World** predicts that the yields for next season will be lower than the record 15.9 million tons of 2004. Oil World states that despite the higher winter rapeseed plantings in France, Germany and Hungary it will not be possible to repeat last year's performance. Oil World also says that although hibernation has been relatively favorable so far the crops are still vulnerable to frost in March and April.

Agra Europe reported from a conference comments from Josh Dadd, senior analyst at the UK's Home Grown Cereals Authority. According to Dodd, the EU's rapeseed crop in 2005/06 could be higher than this season's crop, with an increase in plantings of 4-5 percent. Dodd says, so far the weather has been conducive to good yields so it could well be that EU has a large crop next year.

FAS France and **FAS Germany** also report expected increases in the rapeseed production next season, mainly caused by the demand for biofuels. FAS France reports that the French Ministry of Agriculture is expecting the rapeseed acreage to increase by 5 percent. FAS Germany reports that the German association for the promotion of protein plants and oilseeds is projecting a marginal increase of 0.41 percent of the area planted with rapeseed for 2005.

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